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1. (currently amended): An interface configuration for an accessory of a radio,
comprising:

at the accessory:

an accessory microcontroller;

at least one accessory option for installation into the accessory, the at least one
accessory option detected by the accessory microcontroller; and

a serial memory device coupled to the accessory microcontroller, the serial memory
device having accessory data stored therein, the accessory microcontroller reading the serial
memory device and comparing the accessory data to the at least one detected accessory
option, the accessory updating the serial memory device with the detected accessory option
for self-configuration without accessing the radio.

2. (original): The interface configuration of claim 1, wherein the serial memory device
is accessible locally from the accessory microcontroller, and the serial memory device is
accessible remotely from a radio microcontroller.

3. (original): The interface configuration of claim 2, further comprising a data bus for
data communication between the radio microcontroller and the accessory microcontroller.

4. (original): The interface configuration of claim 1, wherein the at least one accessory option is updatable.

5. (currently amended): A smart accessory for a communication device, the accessory comprising:

a memory device having accessory parameter data stored therein, the parameter data being accessible locally by the smart accessory and remotely by the communication device;

installable modules for storing optional operating configurations within the smart accessory; and

wherein the smart accessory self-configures itself, without accessing the communication device, to operate over at least one of the optional operating configurations based on the parameter data, and the communication device adjust its operation in response thereto.

6. (original): The smart accessory of claim 5, wherein the optional operating configurations include software options.

7. (original): The smart accessory of claim 5, wherein the optional operating configurations include mechanical options.

8. (original): The smart accessory of claim 5, wherein the optional operating configurations include electrical options.

9. (original): The smart accessory of claim 5, wherein the optional operating configurations include software, mechanical, and electrical options.

10. (currently amended): A method for self-configuring a smart accessory for a communication device, comprising the steps of:

- providing a common electrical, mechanical, and software platform for the accessory with optional electrical, mechanical, and software configurations therein;
- providing a memory device having accessory parameter data stored therein;
- installing an optional configuration into the accessory;
- detecting the presence of the optional configuration at the accessory; and
- updating the accessory parameter data of the memory device so as to self-configure the accessory to the detected optional configuration, the steps of providing through updating being performed to the accessory independently of the communication device.

11. (currently amended): The method of claim 10, further comprising the step of adjusting ~~a~~ the communication device based on the accessory configuration.

12. (currently amended): A method for self-configuring an accessory to a radio,
comprising ~~the steps of~~:
at the accessory performing the steps of:
powering up an accessory having a serial memory device contained therein;
detecting the presence of options including mechanical, electrical, and software options
within the accessory;
reading accessory parameter data from the serial memory device;
comparing the accessory parameter data to the detected options;
configuring the accessory for the detected options if the step of comparing did not result
in a match;
at the radio performing the step of:
detecting the presence of the accessory by the radio; and

operating the radio and accessory in accordance with the detected options.

13. (currently amended): An interface configuration for an accessory to be used with a communication device, comprising:

at the accessory:

an accessory microcontroller;

accessory options coupled to the accessory microcontroller; and

a serial memory device coupled to the accessory microcontroller, the serial memory device containing parameter data for the accessory that is accessible locally from the accessory microcontroller, the accessory microcontroller verifying and updating the parameter data to correspond with the accessory options without accessing the communication device;

and

the updated parameter data from the accessory being available remotely to the communication device for operation of the accessory with the radio.

14. (original): The interface configuration of claim 13, wherein the serial memory device is a single wire device.

15. (original): The interface configuration of claim 13, wherein the serial memory device is a two wire device.

16. (previously presented): The interface configuration of claim 13, wherein the serial memory device is a three wire device.

17. (previously presented): The interface configuration of claim 13, wherein the accessory options include at least one of software, mechanical, and electrical options.

18. (previously presented): The interface configuration of claim 1, wherein the at least one accessory option is user-installed.

19. (previously presented): The interface configuration of claim 1, wherein the at least one accessory option is factory-installed.

20. (previously presented): The smart accessory of claim 5, wherein the installable modules are user-installed.

21. (previously presented): The smart accessory of claim 5, wherein the installable modules are factory-installed.

22. (previously presented): The smart accessory of claim 5, wherein some of the installable modules are user-installed and others are factory-installed.

23. (previously presented): The method of claim 12, further comprising the step of installing the options.

24. (previously presented): The interface configuration of claim 13, wherein the accessory options are user-installed.

25. (previously presented): The interface configuration of claim 13, wherein the accessory options are factory-installed.

26. (previously presented): The interface configuration of claim 13, wherein some of the accessory options are user-installed and others are factory-installed.